NANAHIKARI

Cast of characters

Family name written first where known.

NANAMURA Hikaru
Age 17. Main character. He is on a mission to find his eight half-brothers in order to claim his inheritance.

SHIMOGURA Hirone
Age 31. Attorney and one of Mizuho Kazumitsu's former lovers.

Nazuna
Hikaru's talkative and loyal girlfriend.

ONE Takako
Hikaru's mother and Mizuho Kazumitsu's ex-wife. A former concert pianist.

MIZUHO Kazumitsu
A famous actor, and Hikaru's dead father. In his will, he asks Hikaru to find his eight half brothers.

ASHINUMA Ushio
An older student (sempai) at Hikaru's high school. His uncle was a talented conductor and friend of Mizuho Kazumitsu.

KAMAHORI Yoriko
Celebrity reporter investigating the rumors about Mizuho Kazumitsu's secret sons.

ASHINUMA Nozomi
Ashinuma Ushio's dead uncle. A talented orchestral conductor and close friend of Mizuho Kazumitsu.

Hikaru's half-brothers so far

SASAYA Kei
Age 3. His mother later reveals he is not Mizuho Kazumitsu's biological son.

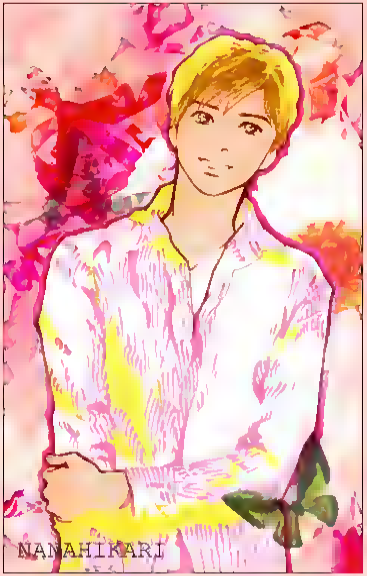
OKINO Shinobu
Age 13. A theater actor who specializes in playing female roles. His stepfather is acquainted with Hikaru's mother.

UCHI Junichi
Age 17. A music student who plays the violin. He knows about Mizuho's will and the names of the other brothers.

KUNIKAKE Yuuma
Age 17. Amateur shogi player. His younger sister, Chika, has a crush on him.

SUETSUGU Watari
Age 27. A professional chef who has worked abroad in France. His mother is dying of a terminal illness.

YUZUKI Shion
Age 17. A music student at the same school as Junichi. Attorney Shimogura gives him regular payments from Mizuho's estate to make ends meet.



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A father's light is as good as seven lights

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He won't accept any of us...
...except Hikaru!
SUETSUGU-SAN.
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE WORLD-RENOWNED ORCHESTRAL CONDUCTOR ASHINUMA NOZOMI?
He won't accept any of us as Mizuho's sons

I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HIM EITHER,
BUT THERE'S A GUY WHO CLAIMS THAT ASHINUMA NOZOMI IS HIKARU'S REAL FATHER
NO, WHY?
ASHINUMA
WE JUST WANT TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH
LOOK, I DON'T REALLY CARE
...IF MIZUHO'S NOT MY FATHER, AND SHINOBU FEELS THE SAME WAY

WELL DONE.
I ADMIT DEFEAT.
SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE WON, YUUMA-KUN.
YOU'RE NOT...
...GOING TO TAKE HIKARU AWAY AGAIN SOMEPLACE, ARE YOU?
SUETSUGU-SAN?
NOT UNLESS IT'S WHAT HIKARU WANTS

Shimogura
Law Office
What should I say to him?
.....

OH, HELLO!
HEY!
Why send me... that video?
But.. I can't go in there without demanding an explanation
HE SUDDENLY FELL ILL?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
IF YOU'RE HERE TO SEE SENSEI, I'M AFRAID HE SUDDENLY FELL ILL AND TOOK THE DAY OFF.
SURE!
NO PROBLEM!
IF YOU'RE SEEING HIM, COULD YOU TAKE THESE DOCUMENTS WITH YOU?
WAIT, NANAMURA-SAN!
I'LL GO CHECK UP ON HIM!
I DON'T KNOW, BUT HE SOUNDED VERY SICK ON THE PHONE.

It's nothing serious
I'll be fine Go home
Hikaru-kun?
I HEARD YOU WERE UNWELL
BUT I... I'VE GOT SOME DOCUMENTS FROM YOUR SECRETARY DO YOU MIND IF I JUST BRING THEM UP?
VERY WELL
Slide

YOU LOOK AWFUL, SHIMOGURA-SAN
DO I?
I'LL BE FINE. I DON'T FEEL AS BAD AS I LOOK
DO YOU HAVE THE DOCUMENTS?
OH YEAH HERE YOU GO
THANKS, HIKARU-KUN
Grab

SLAM
HIKARU!
Thud
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU, SHIMOGURA-SAN!
COULDN'T WE TALK SOME OTHER TIME?
I'M NOT UP TO IT TODAY
I MUST TALK TO YOU!
ENOUGH! LET ME GO!
LET GO OF MY ARM, HIKARU!

WHAT THE HELL...
...IS THIS VIDEO?
ANSWER ME.
snatch

YOU MUSTN'T WATCH IT!
YOU CAN'T RUN FROM ME, SHIMOGURA-SAN!
I WANT AN ANSWER!
WELL?

I'VE WATCHED IT OVER AND OVER
BUT I'VE WATCHED IT ALREADY.

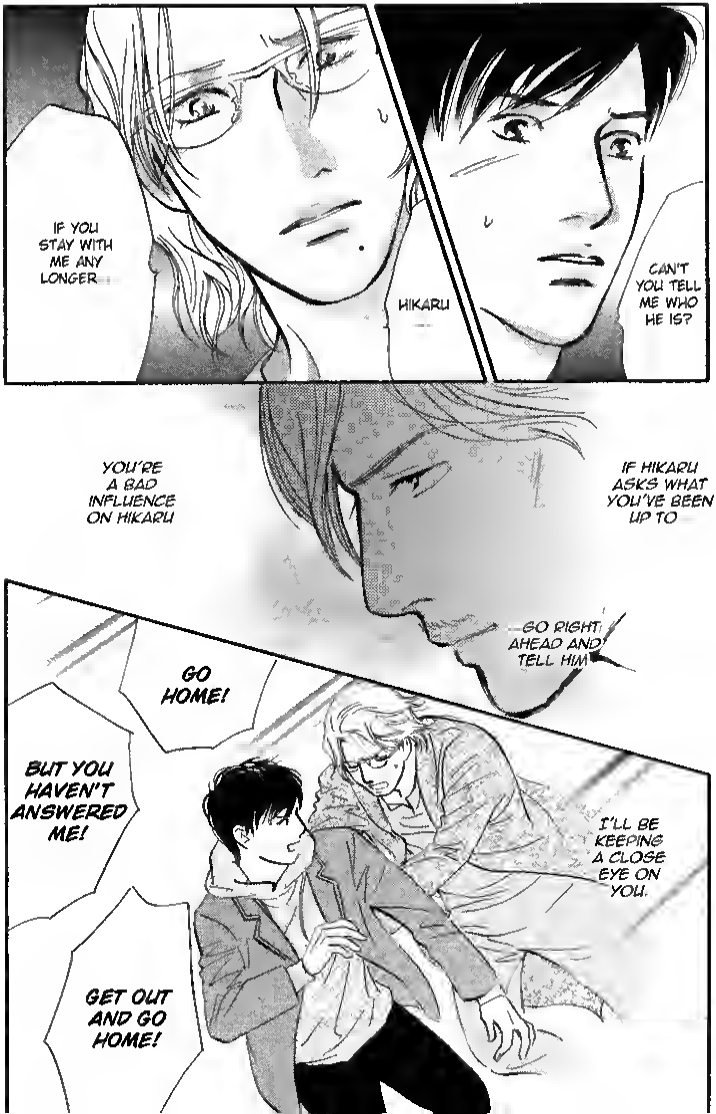
DEEP DOWN, I'M A DEPRAVED AND WICKED MAN.
I'M SORRY
.....
HIKARU.

DON'T YOU? NEVER MIND.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE APOLOGIZING FOR.

I WAS SHOCKED BY IT.
BUT WHY DO SOMETHING SO... MEAN?
...WHY DIDN'T YOU... ...DELETE IT RIGHT AWAY?
U...
THEN...
IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU, HIKARU, THAT.

NO I TAKE THAT BACK
WHO WAS HE?
HUH?
THE MAN YOU WERE WITH!
WHO WAS HE?

If it's true that a lie can be an act of love...
then instead of thinking of myself
I want to lie and say he's my lover...
...but the words are stuck in my throat
HE'S MY
...I should've put an end to this long ago.


IF YOU STAY WITH ME ANY LONGER...
HIKARU
CAN'T YOU TELL ME WHO HE IS?
YOU'RE A BAD INFLUENCE ON HIKARU
IF HIKARU ASKS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO
GO RIGHT AHEAD AND TELL HIM
GO HOME!
BUT YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED ME!
I'LL BE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE ON YOU.
GET OUT AND GO HOME!

DON'T, HIKARU!
YOU... FOOL!

SHIMOGURA-SAN,
SHOW ME
HIKA...
H-HIKARU!
SHOW ME WHAT TO DO.
HOW CAN I
...MAKE YOU FEEL THAT GOOD?

KISS ME HARDER... DEEPER...
KISS ME
SHI SHIMOGURA-SAN..
YOUR KISSES ARE SPECIAL HIKARU...
NO ONE KISSES ME THE WAY YOU DO.
I WON'T BE DUPED BY YOUR LIES ANYMORE...

.....
AH!
AAH!
!
HIKARU...

I'LL NEVER DELETE IT.
HIKARU...
THAT WAY I WON'T EVER FORGET.
HIKARU!
HIKARU, WAIT!

SLAM

Suetsugu Wa
HIRONE, PLEASE

Am I now paying
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MY SON HIKARU
for the sins of my past?

TENWHOE
CAMEL

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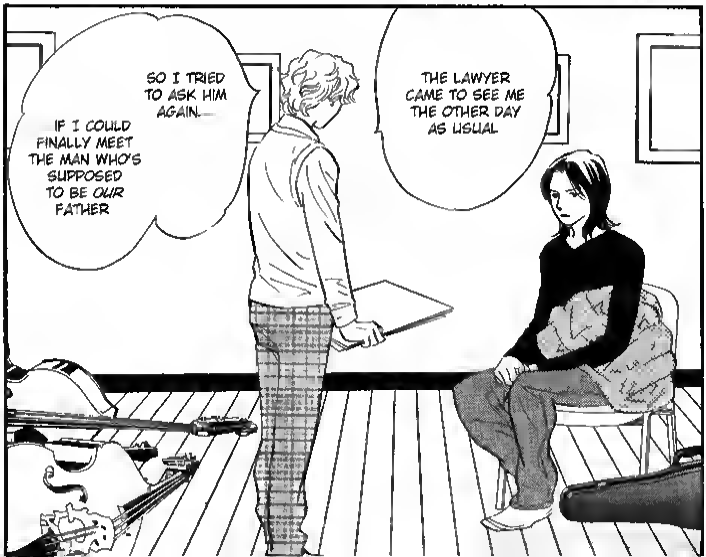
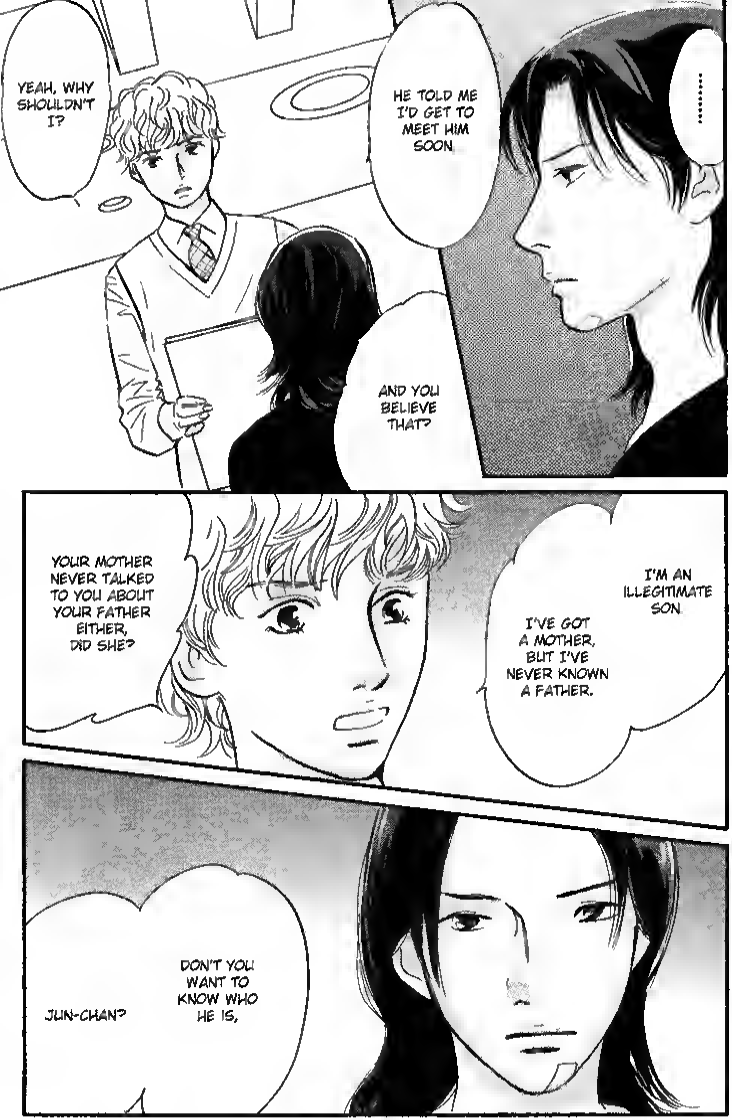
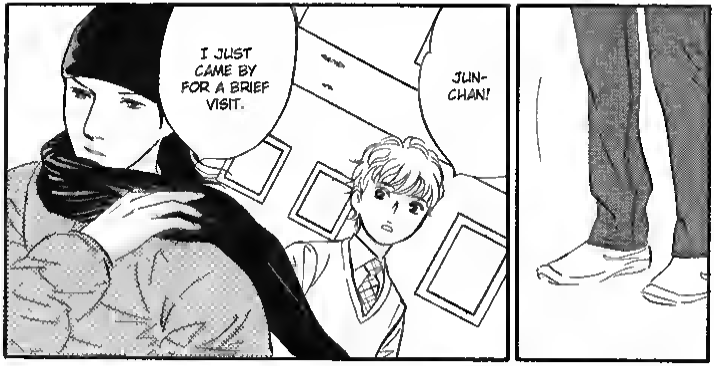
YO SHION!
HEY, JUN-CHAN! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
IT'S THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH.
DON'T PRETEND YOU'VE FORGOTTEN.

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
I DON'T REMEMBER HER THAT WELL ANYWAY
YOU OUGHT TO BE HERE STUDYING MUSIC FOR THE UPCOMING EXAMS—
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO UNGRATEFUL, JUN-CHAN.
HMPH! I CAN PLAY MY VIOLIN ANYWHERE


THE LAWYER CAME TO SEE ME THE OTHER DAY AS USUAL
SO I TRIED TO ASK HIM AGAIN—
IF I COULD FINALLY MEET THE MAN WHO'S SUPPOSED TO BE *OUR* FATHER

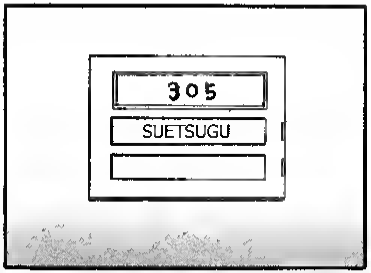

YEAH, WHY SHOULDN'T I?
HE TOLD ME I'D GET TO MEET HIM SOON.
.....
AND YOU BELIEVE THAT?
I'M AN ILLEGITIMATE SON.
I'VE GOT A MOTHER, BUT I'VE NEVER KNOWN A FATHER.
YOUR MOTHER NEVER TALKED TO YOU ABOUT YOUR FATHER EITHER, DID SHE?
JUN-CHAN?
DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO HE IS,


I JUST CAME BY FOR A BRIEF VISIT.
JUN-CHAN!

JUN-CHAN?!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING,
That lawyer...
THINK OF WHAT YOUR MOTHER WOULD SAY IF SHE COULD SEE YOU!
LET'S PUT ON A LIVE STREET PERFORMANCE AGAIN, SHION. I'LL BE IN TOUCH SOON.

We've got no idea who our father is.
how he felt about our mothers.
or whether he took any interest in us.
Often in this world...
ignorance is bliss.
Shion and I are Mizuho's sons
It's pretty unlikely.

Ashinuma
Nozomi...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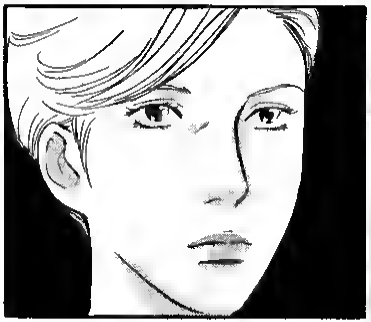

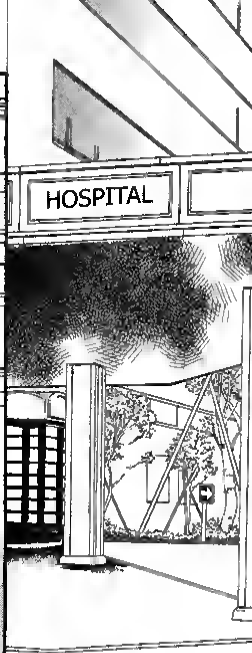
HOSPITAL

WATARI?
HIKARU-CHAN WILL VISIT ME AGAIN, WON'T HE,

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SUETSUGU

LOOK AT THIS, WATARI.
HE'LL BE BACK.
WASN'T HIKARU-CHAN SO CUTE AS A BOY!
YES, OF COURSE.
HAVE YOU KEPT THIS PHOTO OF HIM ALL THIS TIME, MOTHER?
YOU SEE,
THIS PHOTO WAS SENT TO ME BY MIZUHO
MIZUHO TOLD ME HE WAS YOUR LITTLE BROTHER.
MIZUHO WAS STILL WORRIED ABOUT ME OVER THE YEARS,
AND I WAS SO LOST WITHOUT HIM

.....
DO YOU REMEMBER SUETSUGU ANNA?

OH, YES.
SHE WAS MIZUHO'S FIRST LOVE
RIGHT NOW SHE'S IN A HOSPITAL HERE IN THE CITY.
HER SON HAS RETURNED TO JAPAN

IS HE MIZUHO'S OLDEST SON?
YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

I WON'T INTERFERE SINCE IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS
BY THE WAY, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO WILL INHERIT MIZUHO'S ESTATE?
HIKARU'S PAID HER A VISIT RECENTLY.
...WHICH MEANS HE MAY HAVE SOUGHT OUT MIZUHO'S OTHER SONS AS WELL.

IT APPEARS...
...THAT HIKARU AND YOUR BOY SHINOBU WILL INHERIT A SHARE OF MIZUHO'S ESTATE.
WHAT ESTATE?
...ANNA-SAN'S SON WILL ALSO INHERIT A SHARE AS WELL.
NATURALLY...
YOU MUST BE JOKING!
IF NEWS OF THIS EVER GETS OUT...
...YOUR OUTING OF SHINOBU TO THE MEDIA WILL BE THE SAME AS LEADING A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER
I HAD NO IDEA ABOUT THIS!
...TO GO AFTER MIZUHO'S MONEY!
IT WAS NEVER MY AIM...
BUT I WONDER HOW HE'LL BE VIEWED BY THE PUBLIC THANKS TO YOUR ACTIONS.

PERHAPS ANNA-SAN..
..DOESN'T HAVE LONG TO LIVE
CLATTER
IF YOU INSIST YOUR BOY IS MIZUHO'S SON..
WILL YOU TAKE HIM TO VISIT ANNA-SAN IN HOSPITAL?
WHY SHOULD I? I DON'T OWE HER ANYTHING.
YES, THAT'S TRUE,
BUT..

USHIO!
WE'RE RUNNING LATE! HURRY UP!
...ANNA-SAN...
...LOVED MIZUHO VERY MUCH
SHE SAW HIM AS A PART OF HERSELF.
I STILL WONDER IF I SHOULD BOTHER GOING

MUST YOU NAG SO MUCH? I'M NOT DEAF, YOU KNOW!
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
THEN YOU CAN STAY AT HOME AND LOOK AFTER THE HOUSE. I DON'T WANT OUR RELATIVES TO GIVE YOU FUNNY LOOKS ANYMORE
YOU MUST GET A HAIRCUT I CAN'T STAND YOUR LONG HAIR.
She gives me this lecture several times a year before every memorial service
REMEMBER, YOU CARRY THE ASHINUMA FAMILY NAME, SO YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK AND ACT THE PART
YEAH, YEAH
Why do I have to put up with it?

Hikaru?!
Chara
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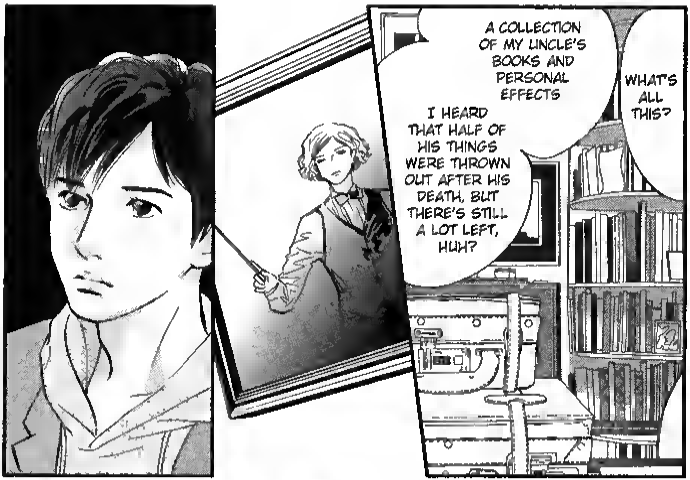
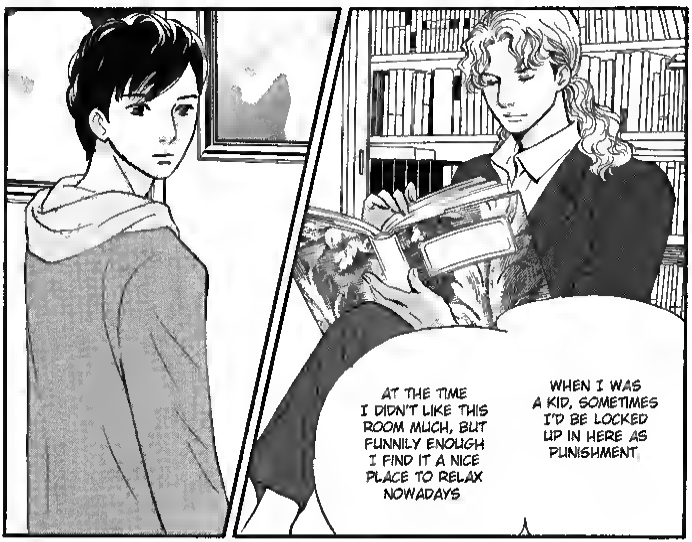
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, HIKARU?
I COULDN'T REACH YOU LAST NIGHT.
YOU DIDN'T MESSAGE ME EITHER.
HANG ON!
YOU DIDN'T STAY OUT ALL NIGHT, DID YOU?
.....
YEAH, I DID.

ONCE YOU KNOW, I DOUBT YOU'LL TELL ME THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
I WANDERED THROUGH THE STREETS UNTIL MORNING,
AND THEN I CAME HERE
ALL RIGHT.
WE CAN'T TALK PROPERLY OUT HERE. COME INSIDE.
WHEN I GET A GRIP ON MYSELF...
MAYBE I CAN EXPLAIN WHY I'M SO UPSET.

DID YOU COME OVER FOR A PRIVATE CHAT?
MY MOTHER'S GONE TO A MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY, SO THERE'S NO ONE HOME.
WHAT PRIVATE CHAT?
ABOUT MY UNCLE, ASHINUMA NOZOMI
YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR FATHER, RIGHT?
YEAH.


WHAT'S ALL THIS?
A COLLECTION OF MY UNCLE'S BOOKS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS
I HEARD THAT HALF OF HIS THINGS WERE THROWN OUT AFTER HIS DEATH, BUT THERE'S STILL A LOT LEFT, HUH?

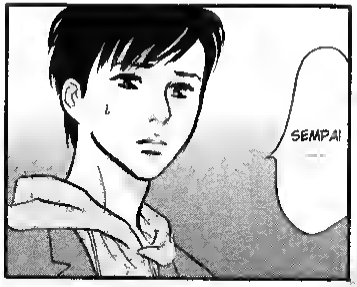

WHEN I WAS A KID, SOMETIMES I'D BE LOCKED UP IN HERE AS PUNISHMENT
AT THE TIME I DIDN'T LIKE THIS ROOM MUCH, BUT FUNNILY ENOUGH I FIND IT A NICE PLACE TO RELAX NOWADAYS

IT WASN'T WRITTEN IN JAPANESE,
His Journal?
I WAS IN HERE THE OTHER DAY WHEN I STUMBLED ACROSS THIS BOOK
IT SEEMS TO BE MY UNCLE'S JOURNAL.
SO I DID MY VERY BEST TO DECIPHER...
...AND TRANSLATE THE FOREIGN SCRIPT.

Love?!
I THOUGHT IT HAD TO BE A JOKE.
AT FIRST,
I EVEN WONDERED IF I WAS GETTING THE 'HE' AND 'SHE' PRONOUNS MIXED UP.
I READ MY INITIAL TRANSLATION AND THOUGHT IT WAS SOMETHING STRAIGHT OUT OF A ROMANCE NOVEL
MY UNCLE EXPRESSED HIS FERVENT LOVE FOR MIZUHO IN WRITING.
YOU SEE, IT WAS MEANT FOR MIZUHO KAZUMITSU.
IT WAS EASY TO FIGURE OUT.
DESPITE MY POOR LANGUAGE SKILLS,

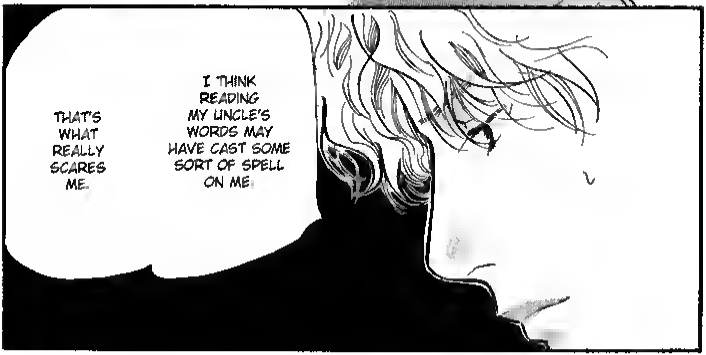
BUT THEN I FOUND YOUR NAME THERE MIDWAY THROUGH...
...AND IT ALL FELL INTO PLACE.
EVEN THOUGH HIS CLOSE FRIEND MIZUHO GOT MARRIED AND WAS BLESSED WITH A SON OF HIS OWN...
...MY UNCLE STILL LOVED HIM
EVEN THOUGH MY UNCLE KEPT HIS FEELINGS TO HIMSELF, HIS LOVE WAS GENUINE.
DID MY FATHER KNOW?

WHETHER HE KNEW OR NOT...
IS SOMETHING WE'LL NEVER KNOW.
.....
ANYWAY, ALL THIS INFORMATION DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT...
...THAT I'VE BEEN STRANGELY DRAWN TO YOU.
FROM THE VERY FIRST MOMENT I LAID EYES ON YOU.


SEMPAI

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO WORRIED ABOUT IT
LOOK,

I never expected..
...to fall so hard for a cute guy in my school


I THINK READING MY UNCLE'S WORDS MAY HAVE CAST SOME SORT OF SPELL ON ME.
THAT'S WHAT REALLY SCARES ME.

NANAMURA
SEMPAI,
IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING.
I...

YOU DON'T THINK...
...YOU CAN TELL FOR SURE NOW?
...WHEN YOUR LIFE IS IN THE BALANCE, AND YOU LOOK DEATH IN THE FACE.
THEY SAY YOU ONLY REALIZE...
...WHETHER YOU'RE REALLY IN LOVE OR NOT.
YOU'RE LEADING ME ON AS USUAL, NANAMURA.
IF I CAN'T KEEP MY URGES IN CHECK ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I'LL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU AGAIN.
IT MAKES ME WANT TO KISS YOU

PLUS IT'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO IMPROVE MY TECHNIQUE!
UH HUH
Hehe
HOW ABOUT IT?
EH?
YOU'RE A PRO, NANAMURA.
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN EXPOSED TO THE LOVEMAKING TECHNIQUE OF AN OLDER MAN, RIGHT?
WHAT SKILLS ARE YOU TRYING TO IMPROVE?!
NANA-MURA?
NO! THAT'S —
チュキーン
BADUM

thud
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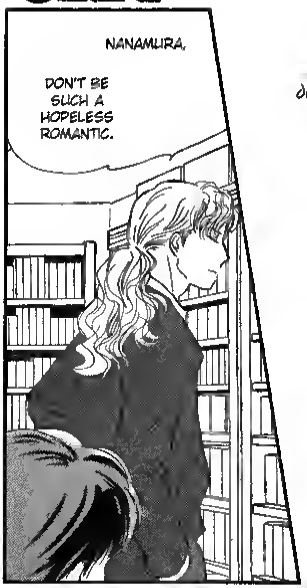
トン
NANAMURA!
NOT TRUE!
WHAT WERE YOU RUNNING AWAY FROM?
I WASN'T RUNNING FROM ANYTHING!
OH YEAH... YOU KNOW, THERE'S A GUY WHO TOLD ME I LOOK LIKE ASHINUMA NOZOMI.
I WASN'T REALLY, BUT... UH...
HE ACTS PRETTY SUSPICIOUS THOUGH SURELY HE CAN'T BE ONE OF MY HALF BROTHERS!
YES, YOU WERE!
OUCH!

WELL, IT'S SAID THAT ONE PERSON'S PRIVATE LIFE IS A MYSTERY TO EVERYONE ELSE.
IT DOESN'T RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE AND MIZUHO WERE LOVERS
LIKE I SAID, MY UNCLE WROTE IN HIS JOURNAL THAT HE LOVED MIZUHO.
BUT WHAT IF HE WAS TELLING ME THE TRUTH?
LOVERS....

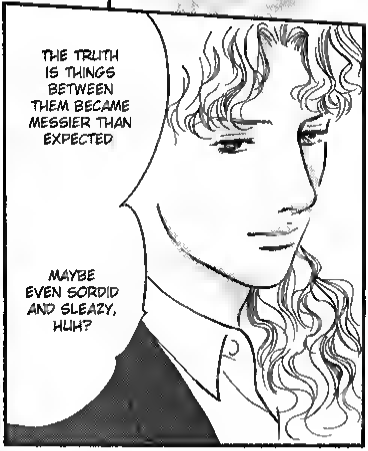
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP HE MANAGED TO ESTABLISH WITH MY FATHER
HE WAS...
WHAT'S WRONG?
a young world-famous conductor who was extremely talented
and a close friend of my father a popular actor who was already engaged to be married



...back in the days of their youth?

Why didn't they ask each other...

...about their feelings while they were both alive.



NANAMURA?
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU!
OR ELSE... I KNEW IT! WHAT'S GOING ON?
nodding off
HUH? YOU AGREE?
I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY...
...SOMETHING LIKE, "SEMPAI, HOW COULD YOU BE SO MEAN?"
UH HUH...
CONK
NANA

Am I being a hopeless romantic?
YOUR KISSES ARE SPECIAL, HIKARU
"Things between them became messier
Maybe even sordid and sleazy

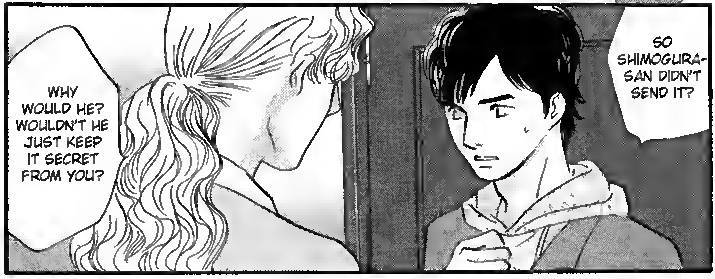
MY CELL-PHONE...
WHERE'S MY PHONE?
I can't find it
SEMPAI?

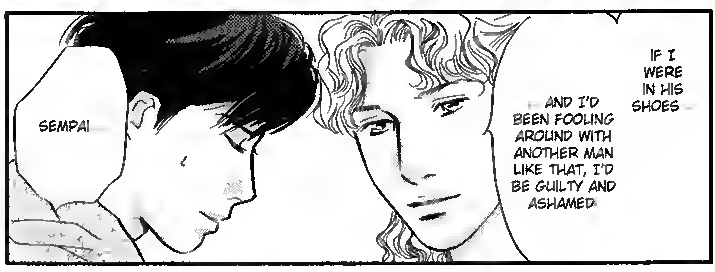
WHERE'S MY CELL-PHONE?
YOU MEAN THIS?
SO YOU'RE AWAKE
THAT'S MINE--
YOU WERE HAVING A BAD DREAM..
--AND YOU KEPT ASKING FOR YOUR PHONE

YOU'RE KIDDING
WAS THAT THE REASON YOU CAME HERE SOBBING YOUR EYES OUT?
BECAUSE OF THAT VIDEO SOMEONE SENT YOU?
GIVE IT BACK!
YOU WERE UPSET ENOUGH TO HAVE A BAD DREAM OVER IT...
...YET YOU JUST LEFT YOUR PHONE LYING AROUND.
LISTEN, THAT VIDEO DIDN'T BOTHER ME ONE BIT!
I WAS GOING TO DELETE IT, I SWEAR!
THE GUY IN IT WAS YOUR ATTORNEY, WASN'T HE?

IS HE THE MAN YOU'RE INVOLVED WITH?
NO, HE'S NOT!
YES, HE IS
WHY ELSE...
...WOULD YOU DREAM ABOUT YOUR CELLPHONE?
WAS THE VIDEO EXCRUCIATING FOR YOU TO WATCH?
THEN AGAIN...
...I SUSPECT SOMEONE WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU SAW IT, NANAMURA

SOMEONE ELSE?
IT WAS SENT ESPECIALLY TO YOU
MAYBE SOME OTHER GUY WHO WASN'T AMUSED BY YOUR RELATIONSHIP COERCED HIM INTO SEX AND SENT THE VIDEO TO BREAK THE TWO OF YOU UP
THAT'S ONE OF MANY POSSIBILITIES.
BREAK US UP...


SO SHIMOGURA-SAN DIDN'T SEND IT?
WHY WOULD HE? WOULDN'T HE JUST KEEP IT SECRET FROM YOU?


IF I WERE IN HIS SHOES...
AND I'D BEEN FOOLING AROUND WITH ANOTHER MAN LIKE THAT, I'D BE GUILTY AND ASHAMED
SEMPAI...

MEN LIKE HIM HAVE DOZENS OF DEVIOUS TRICKS UP THEIR SLEEVE.
HE PROBABLY TOOK ONE LOOK AT YOU AND DECIDED TO LURE YOU INTO HIS BED.
NANAMURA, YOU CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE WHAT GOES THROUGH THE MIND OF AN ADULT MALE.
NO ONE WARNED ME ABOUT THIS...
...BUT I SHOULD'VE KNOWN ALL ALONG.
SLUMP
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MAYBE HE WAS ALSO LOOKING FOR SOME EXCUSE TO BREAK UP WITH YOU
WHY DIDN'T I SEE THIS COMING?
WELL, PERHAPS
...THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME TO END YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

THEN I THINK YOU'RE JUST AS ADORABLE AND HELPLESS, SHIMOGURA-SAN...
...WHICH MAKES YOU A WICKED MAN
A perfect time to end our relationship...
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
HIKARU...
But I don't want an excuse to end it!
I refuse to go along with this!
IF YOU STAY WITH ME ANY LONGER

NICE BREAK-FAST.
I HAD A FEELING YOU'D BE BACK AGAIN.
I REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE PICKED A FIGHT WITH YOU THE OTHER DAY.
WE'RE BOTH IN THE SAME BOAT, SO WE MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO GET ALONG.

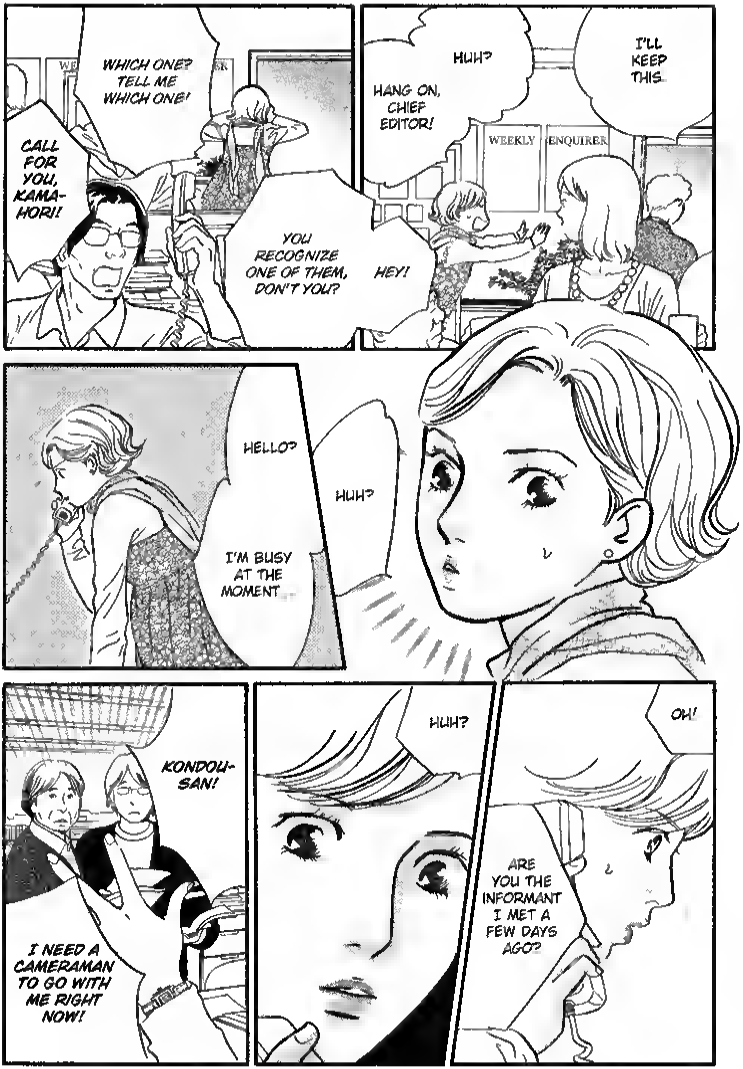
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, BUT MIZUHO KAZUMITSU'S NOT MY FATHER.
BUT...
...YOU'RE LEGALLY RECOGNIZED AS HIS SON IN HIS WILL.
THAT'S NEWS TO ME
LOOK, MIZUHO IS DEAD.
THAT LAWYER MAY CLAIM I'M HIS SON..
...BUT I DON'T BELIEVE HIM.

HAS ANYONE EVER TOLD YOU...
THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I JUST CAME TO CHECK YOU GUYS OUT!
SO YOU'VE HEARD THAT TOO?
...THAT HIKARU IS THE ONLY ONE WHO DESERVES TO BE RECOGNIZED AS MIZUHO KAZUMITSU'S SON?
YEAH, HE COMES BY NOW AND THEN
HAS THAT BEARDED GUY BEEN HERE AS WELL?
HMPH!

Chara
キャラ
ピンポーン
ding dong
YES?
WHO IS IT?
Satou Yuu
But I think you already know me
SATOU?

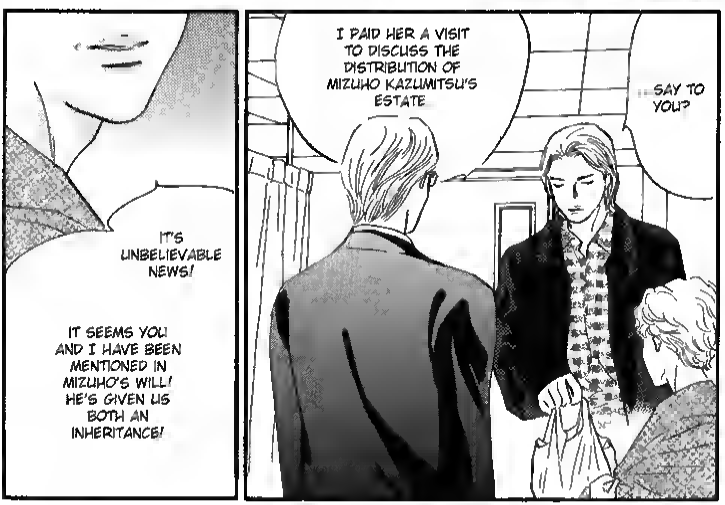
IT'S HIS FIRST TIME HERE...
HE'S ANOTHER ONE...
SATOU
That's him! Satou Yuu...
So which one of you will come down,
Kunikake-kun or Uchi-kun?
DON'T BOTHER. WE CAN TALK OUT HERE
I'LL LET YOU IN
I'D LIKE TO TALK

HMM...
BEEP
Weekly Enquirer
BZZZZ
kachik
kachik
kachik
HERE'S A PRINTOUT
I SEE
WITH PHOTOS OF ALL THE SUSPICIOUS MEN WHO WENT IN AND OUT OF THAT APARTMENT BLOCK.
I took care to select the good-looking ones!
HM
CHIEF EDITOR?
DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANY OF THEM?
I monitored the place for 24 hours!


WHICH ONE? TELL ME WHICH ONE!
CALL FOR YOU, KAMAHORI!
YOU RECOGNIZE ONE OF THEM, DON'T YOU?
HEY!
HUH?
HANG ON, CHIEF EDITOR!
I'LL KEEP THIS
WEEKLY ENQUIRER
HELLO?
I'M BUSY AT THE MOMENT...
HUH?
KONDOU-SAN!
I NEED A CAMERAMAN TO GO WITH ME RIGHT NOW!
HUH?
ARE YOU THE INFORMANT I MET A FEW DAYS AGO?
OH!

Suetsugu Watari...
Didn't he move overseas? I believe his mother was.
KAMAHORI'S ON THE CASE!
What on earth...
LOOK WHO'S HERE, WATARI
GENERAL HOSPITAL

WHAT DID THIS ATTORNEY...
THIS NICE YOUNG MAN HERE IS ATTORNEY SHIMOGURA-SAN


IT'S UNBELIEVABLE NEWS!
IT SEEMS YOU AND I HAVE BEEN MENTIONED IN MIZUHO'S WILL! HE'S GIVEN US BOTH AN INHERITANCE!
I PAID HER A VISIT TO DISCUSS THE DISTRIBUTION OF MIZUHO KAZUMITSU'S ESTATE...
...SAY TO YOU?

DO YOU MIND IF I SPEAK TO HIM OUTSIDE?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?
SINCE YOU APPEAR TO BE DELAYING YOUR DECISION ABOUT THE INHERITANCE..
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO BROACH THE SUBJECT WITH YOUR MOTHER IN PERSON.
MY MOTHER KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT IT.
LEAVE US ALONE ALL I WANT TO DO IS FORGET ABOUT HIM

SLAM
YOU'RE SO OBSESSED YOU'RE EVEN TRYING TO BE A FATHER FIGURE TO HIKARU!.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S OBSESSED WITH THE MEMORY OF YOUR FATHER.
FORGET ABOUT HIM? ARE YOU SERIOUS?

DURING THE DAY YOU PLAY THE ROLE OF THE PERFECT GENTLEMAN.
NOTHING LIKE THE HORNY GUY...
...I WAS WITH LAST NIGHT, HMM?
I SIMPLY WANT TO BE THE FATHER HE NEVER HAD
IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK?
NOT AT ALL
SUCH INTENTIONS SOUND WORTHY OF A PERFECT GENTLEMAN

AS LONG AS YOU...
PLEASE DON'T VISIT MY MOTHER AGAIN
I WON'T BE BACK
SIGN THE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE INHERITANCE AND HAND THEM TO HIKARU.
I WON'T ...
...BE SIGNING ANYTHING.
Chara
TO BE CONTINUED

Who should Hikaru turn to for support and advice: the attractive attorney or the lonely older brother?
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Is this the start of a secret battle of wills between the two men for Hikaru's affections?
ななひかり
高口里純
SATOSUMI TAKAGUCHI PRESENTS
これまでのお話は…
Charaコミックス「ななひかり①～⑨」でCHECKしてね
好評発売中
♦アブナイ双子のインモラルLOVE「世の中は僕らに甘い」全7巻
♦荒れっ子原作者&高校生漫画家の恋♥「PINK」全3巻
♦天翔ける男たちの伝説「美しい男」全6巻

THEN I'LL BE BACK...
SOME OTHER TIME...
He won't sign the documents?!
BECAUSE HIKARU WILL BE COMING TO SEE ME IN PERSON.
THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY...

HIKARU AND I ALREADY MADE UP A WHILE AGO.
HIKARU TOLD ME HE NEVER WANTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
THAT CAN'T BE.
!?
NEXT TIME...
...IF YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP HIKARU AWAY FROM ME...
...YOU'LL HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO REVEAL THE NAME OF THE PERSON YOU WERE FOOLING AROUND WITH,
WON'T YOU, SHIMOGURA-SAN?

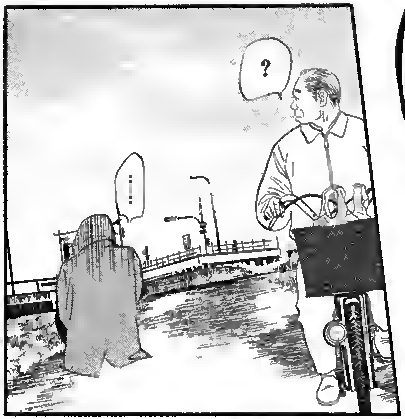
WHILE YOU'RE HERE,
LET'S GET ONE THING CLEAR BETWEEN US.
I REFUSE...
...TO ACCEPT ANY OF THESE BOYS AS HALF-BROTHERS EXCEPT FOR HIKARU.
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THESE OTHER BOYS WHO ARE APPEARING OUT OF NOWHERE
.....
ONCE MY MOTHER DIES,
I PLAN TO START A NEW LIFE TOGETHER WITH HIKARU.

NOTE Suddenly sneezing when someone talks about you is a Japanese superstition

But I do have questions.
...I need to ask her
Mama was personally acquainted with Ashinuma Nozomi, so she must know a lot about him
If I go back to Grandma's place
...I bet Mama will still be making a fuss about the inheritance
Hikaru! Answer me!
Answer me!

Then there's Shimogura-san
MAYBE HE WAS ALSO LOOKING FOR SOME EXCUSE TO BREAK UP WITH YOU
THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME TO END YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

Ugh! It's Mama.
Mama
BAR BAR BAR
ARGH!
Huh? She's surprisingly calm.
Hikaru?
Silence
No matter what I do, I can't avoid speaking to her any longer.
UH HUH
ALL RIGHT
Come back to Grandma's place
BEEP
MOVIE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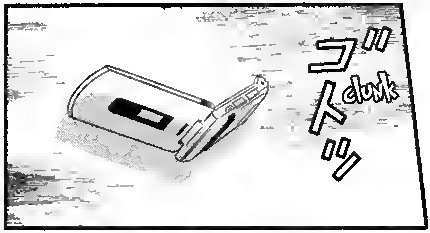
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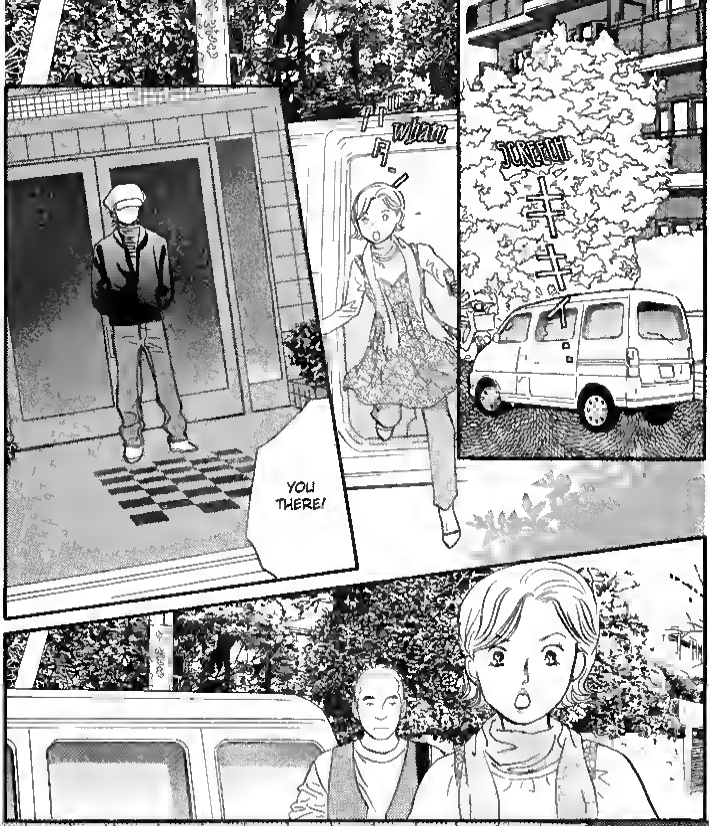
Ah!
Aah!
Why are you ...

It's no use!
This is all beyond me!

I wish I had some idea...
But I'm only 17 and I'm still stuck in high school
...what he was thinking!
I know nothing about the mindset of an adult male!
Nothing at all!


YOU THERE!

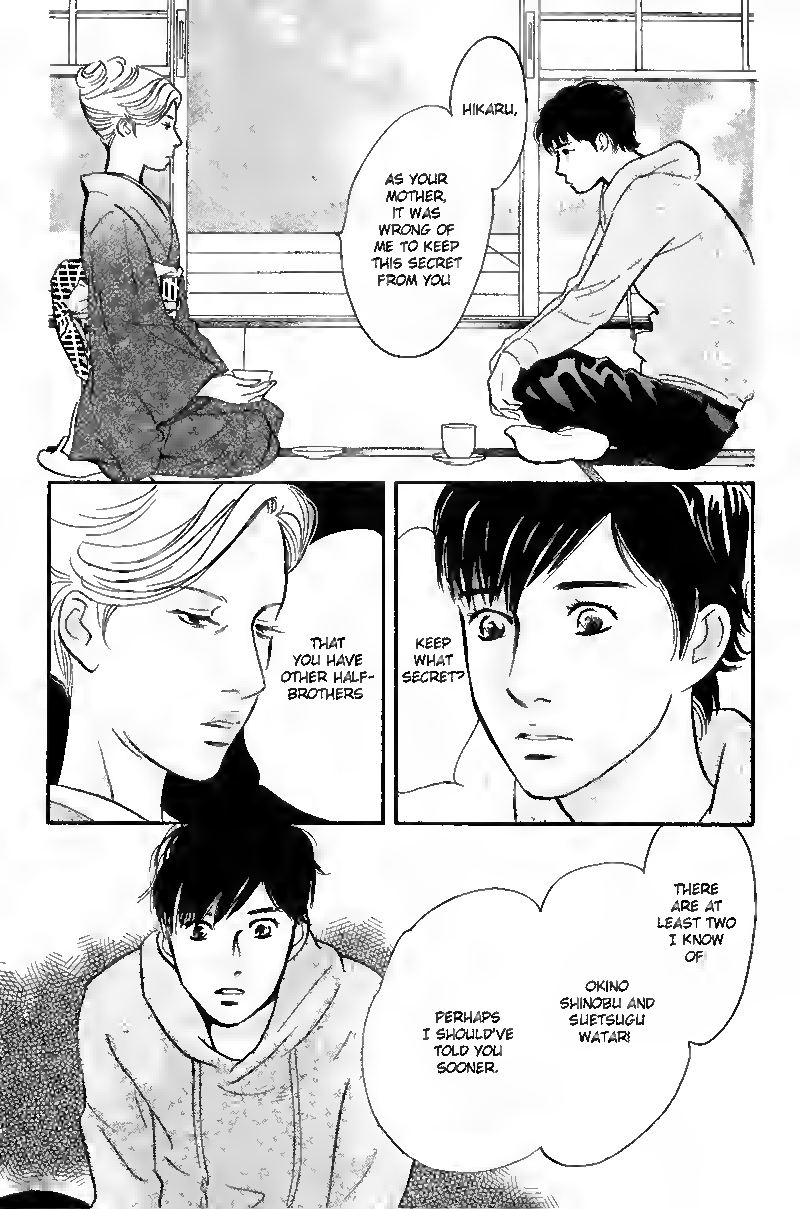
ARE YOU THE GUY...
...WHO'S BEEN CALLING ME?
YEAH, THAT'S ME.

UH WELL...
CAN I ASSUME THAT YOU'RE ANOTHER ONE OF MIZUHO KAZUMITSU'S SECRET SONS?
YES
OH!
HUH?
SHE'S A MAGAZINE REPORTER.
SO THAT'S WHY HE CALLED US DOWN

HUH?
YOU'RE KIDDING
WE'VE MET BEFORE
I KNOW HIM.
THE STUPID LITTLE—
IN HOSPITAL?
THIS GUY WAS IN THE SAME HOSPITAL—
—AS SHION AND ME WHEN WE WERE LITTLE.

WAIT A SEC
Ahhh!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
QUICK!
TAKE A PHOTO!
Grab
Yank

FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
Yes! At long last!
A group shot!


HIKARU,
AS YOUR MOTHER, IT WAS WRONG OF ME TO KEEP THIS SECRET FROM YOU.
KEEP WHAT SECRET?
THAT YOU HAVE OTHER HALF-BROTHERS
THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO I KNOW OF
OKINO SHINOBU AND SUETSUGU WATARI
PERHAPS I SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU SOONER.

WHAT A RELIEF!
HOW MANY OTHERS ARE THERE?
SO YOU KNEW?
YOU KNEW ALL ALONG?
Oops! She doesn't know.
Uh Should I tell her?
ARE THERE MANY OF THEM?
I'M NOT SURPRISED

MIZUHO THE MAN WAS A LOT LIKE THE SUN
MANY PEOPLE GATHERED AROUND HIM, SEEKING THE WARMTH HE RADIATED.
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO SOUGHT HIS AFFECTIONS EQUALLED THE NUMBER OF STARS IN THE SKY.
HOWEVER, LIKE THE CONSUMMATE ACTOR HE WAS, MIZUHO FOUND IT IN HIMSELF TO BRING AN END TO HIS AFFAIRS.
IT WAS AN ACT OF NOBLE SELF-SACRIFICE ON HIS PART...
BUT FOR ME, IT WAS AN UNBEARABLE SITUATION... WAS MARRIAGE TO ME HIS IDEA OF A SACRIFICE?

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OTHER ILLEGITIMATE SONS HE'S FATHERED.
BUT IF THEY'RE JUST AFTER FAME AND FORTUNE, THEY CAN HAVE IT.
MAMA,
SO THAT'S WHY...
HOWEVER, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY FOR SURE...
...IF MIZUHO IS THEIR REAL BIOLOGICAL FATHER.
THAT'S WHY...
BUT DAD RECOGNIZES THEM IN HIS WILL!
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THAT MAKES THEM ALL MY BROTHERS!
Who says they're just after fame and fortune?

I'VE ALREADY MET THEM! I'VE GOT TO KNOW THEM!
HIKARU?
SO THERE'S NOTHING ILLEGITIMATE ABOUT THEM!
I COULD NEVER THINK OF THEM AS STRANGERS IN THE FUTURE!
I'M GOING TO FIND THEM ALL!
I'LL INTRODUCE MYSELF TO EVERY ONE OF THEM!
HOLD ON, HIKARU!
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU'RE KEEPING SECRET FROM ME, MAMA?
DON'T TALK NONSENSE!
SOMETHING ELSE?
LIKE WHAT?

...ASHINUMA NOZOMI
WAS THERE ANYTHING SPECIAL ABOUT THE RELATION-SHIP BETWEEN HIM AND MY FATHER?
TELL ME ALL ABOUT...
IT DOESN'T CONCERN YOU, HIKARU.
IT'S ONLY FOR ME TO KNOW
THAT'S ALL...
...IN YOUR MAMA'S PAST

What did she mean by that?!
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MAMA?
MAMA, WAIT!

Does he really want to break up with me?

NEW MAIL
Shimogura-san
No, it can't be!
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blush
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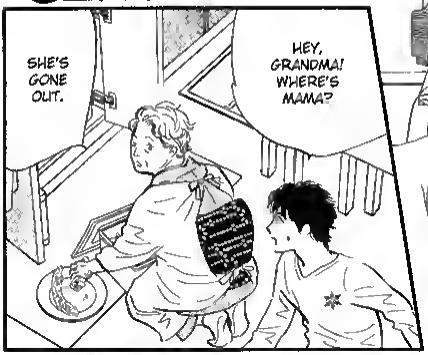
YOUR KISSES ARE SPECIAL HIKARU
Does he regard me as a pest?
I refuse to break up with him!
But he never said so!
Answer my question first!
Who was the man you were with?
Re:
Hikaru, we need to talk Could you come over to my place?

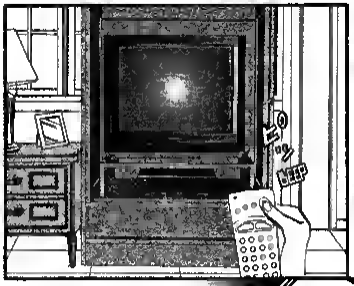
I've got a feeling he'll never answer me.
He hasn't answered me.

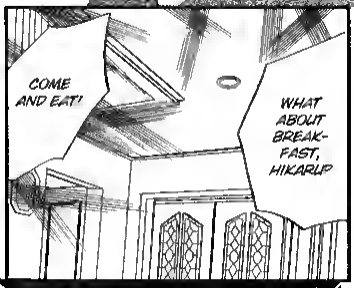
It's useless for me
to deny my base desires
you're so cruel
Hikaru
So lovable
Yet your dogged persistence for answers makes you lovable.

But falling for your simple youthful charms...
I'm falling more and more in love with you
...is most unprofessional of me.

YAWN
HM?
EH? WHAT'S ON T.V.?
It's Youma!
jolt
Hikaru,
Can you come to the apartment?
Things are getting a bit crazy
Did you see the news on TV?


SHE'S GONE OUT.
HEY, GRANDMA! WHERE'S MAMA?

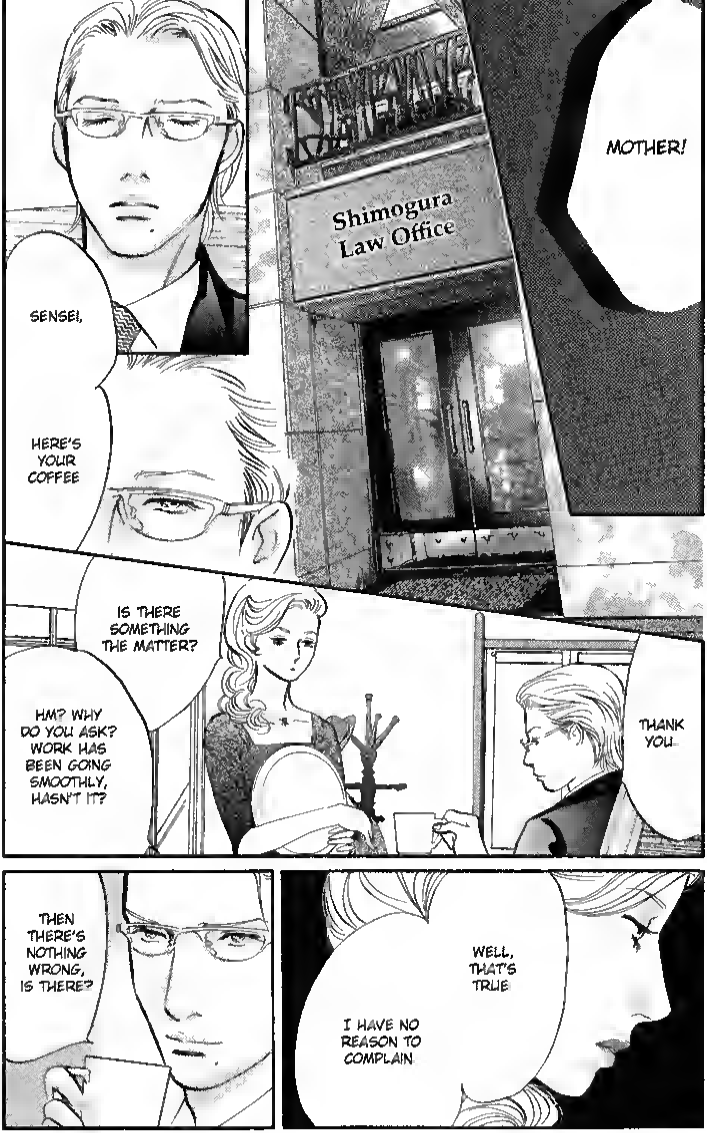



COME AND EAT!
WHAT ABOUT BREAK-FAST, HIKARU?

At the moment tickets are running out
So come along and see Shinobu Ikun at the height of his fame!
for the theatrical drama in Tokyo s Asakusa district, which is being staged until the middle of the month!

Did he want to go back to perform on the stage?
Shinobu!
But he told me he'd return to the apartment!
He's not answering his cellphone!
OKINO SHINOBU?
The hopes of the dramatic world and the adoring public rest on the shoulders of this gifted young actor!
of the late screen idol Mizuho Kazumitsu, making him the talk of the town!
Rumors have surfaced
that Shinobu kun may actually be an illegitimate son...

MOTHER,
I THINK I'LL GO TO HIKARU'S PLACE...
...TODAY...
Yeah let's move on
Coming up next is.


MOTHER!
Shimogura Law Office
SENSEI,
HERE'S YOUR COFFEE
IS THERE SOMETHING THE MATTER?
HM? WHY DO YOU ASK? WORK HAS BEEN GOING SMOOTHLY, HASN'T IT?
THANK YOU.
THEN THERE'S NOTHING WRONG, IS THERE?
WELL, THAT'S TRUE
I HAVE NO REASON TO COMPLAIN

click
WHAT?
NOTHING.

I'M AFRAID SHE PASSED AWAY...
THIS MORNING
IT WAS VERY SUDDEN
ONCE MY MOTHER DIES...
She passed away?!
YUUMA?
THERE ARE HEAPS OF REPORTERS OUTSIDE THE BUILDING!
Hikaru..
I PLAN TO START A NEW LIFE WITH HIKARU

Don't use the front entrance Go around to the fire exit and I'll let you in.
GOT IT.
HURRY!
UH HUH
I SAW THE NEWS
SO WHAT'S GOING ON WITH SHINOBU?
I MEAN, I TRIED CALLING HIM...
YEAH, I KNOW.
CLACK
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HEY!
UH... AREN'T YOU...

MY GOAL IN LIFE IS TO BECOME A FAMOUS ACTOR,
BUT MY MOTHER WON'T LET ME DO WHAT I WANT

EH?
BUT WHY?

SATOU YUU
YEAH, THAT'S HIM.
HE'S ALSO THE TROUBLEMAKER WHO'S BEEN LEAKING DETAILS ABOUT US TO THE MEDIA

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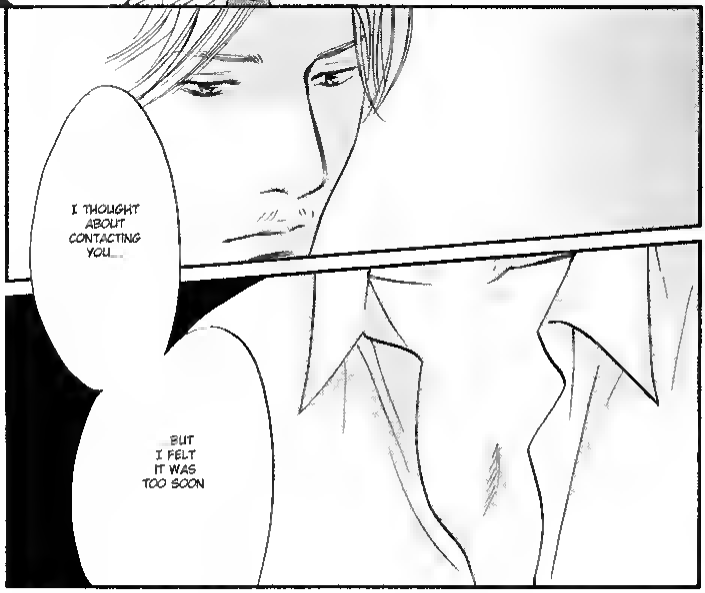
ピンポーン
!?
……

It's Suetsugu
WHO IS IT?
Do you mind opening the door?
My mother...
...has just died

.....
PLEASE ACCEPT...
.MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON YOUR LOSS
I HEARD YOU WENT TO THE HOSPITAL TO SEE HER
YES
I WAS HOPING TO TALK TO HER ONCE MORE


I THOUGHT ABOUT CONTACTING YOU...
BUT I FELT IT WAS TOO SOON

OH...
MAY I COME IN?
BY ALL MEANS
CLACK

THUD
CLANG

I COULD TELL WHAT YOU WERE REALLY AFTER...
SHIMOGURA-SAN
—THE MOMENT YOU OPENED THE DOOR,

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人物紹介

七村光(17)●高校二年生。三歳の時両親が離婚、父親は人気俳優の瑞樹一光。年の割にクールでドライ。

下小倉洋吾●瑞樹の遺産相続の件を担当する弁護士。初対面からけっこう意地悪で、ゲイ疑惑濃厚!?

これまでのあらすじ

嫌がらせ脅迫の一件を、ついに旅館に打ち明けた光。けれど俳優・瑞穂一光と天才指揮者・芦沼蓮の関係は疑問視されてもうえずしまい、そんな時、闘病中だった義兄・慶の母親が急死!! 荒れる魂は、凋落する光に下心を持つ弁護士・下小倉の自宅を訪ねて!?

AT LEAST I HAVE AN EXCUSE.
HOW ABOUT YOU?
EVEN IF HE'LL DESPISE YOU FOR IT?
WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?
WILL YOU CLAIM THAT I WAS THE ONE WHO SEDUCED YOU?

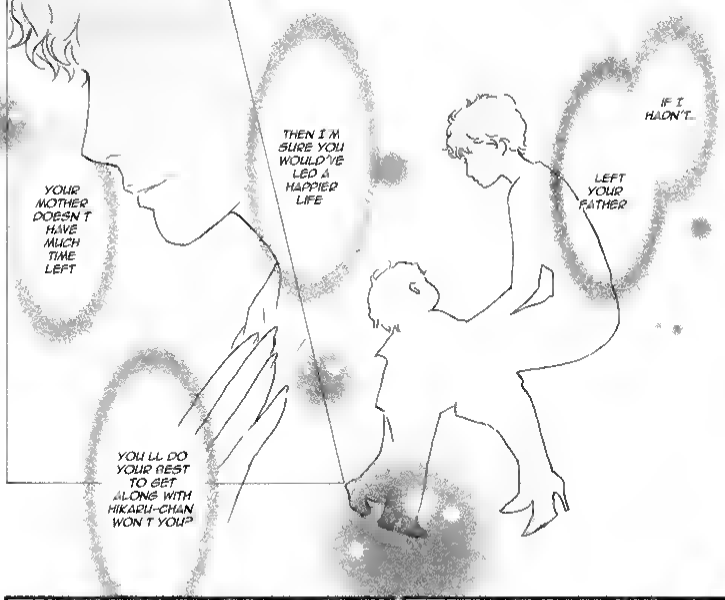
YANK
RUSTLE
SHOVE

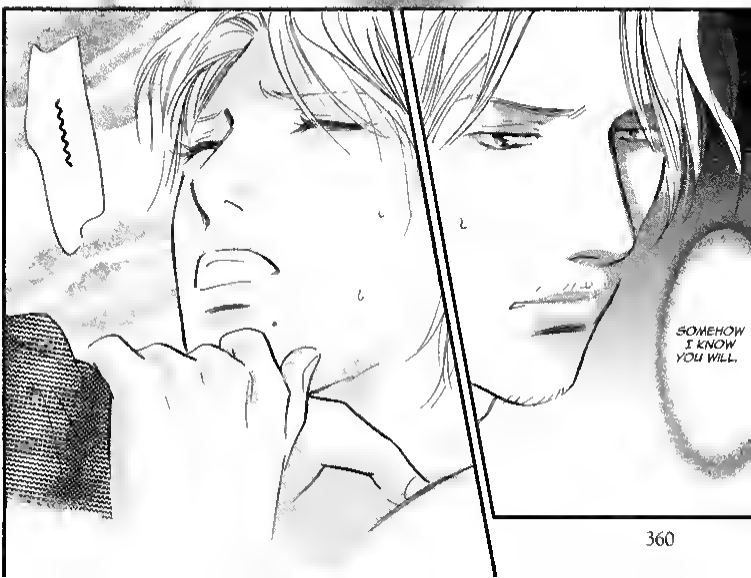
THAT'S CERTAINLY A PLAUSIBLE EXCUSE...
YOU...
...SEDUCE ME?
HUFF
HUFF
IN ANY CASE, I'M SURE HIKARU IS MORE LIKELY TO BELIEVE MY STORY INSTEAD OF YOURS.
...because I'm a depraved and wicked man
Yes, I know...

He knows. He sees right through me
but what am I really after?
I pretend to fight him.
Yet I don't have the urge to resist
AAH!
AH...

.....
HMPH!
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA.
HA!
SUETSUGU-
SAN

I WON'T LET ANYONE TAKE HIKARU FROM ME.
I'M SORRY I MADE YOU FEEL SO ISOLATED AND ALONE
WATARI...


IF I HADN'T...
LEFT YOUR FATHER
THEN I'M SURE YOU WOULD'VE LED A HAPPIER LIFE
YOUR MOTHER DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT
YOU'LL DO YOUR BEST TO GET ALONG WITH HIKARU-CHAN WON'T YOU?


SOMEHOW I KNOW YOU WILL.

HOOKING UP...
...BEHIND HIKARU'S BACK LIKE THIS?
DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE...
.....
YOU'RE TRULY SHAMELESS.

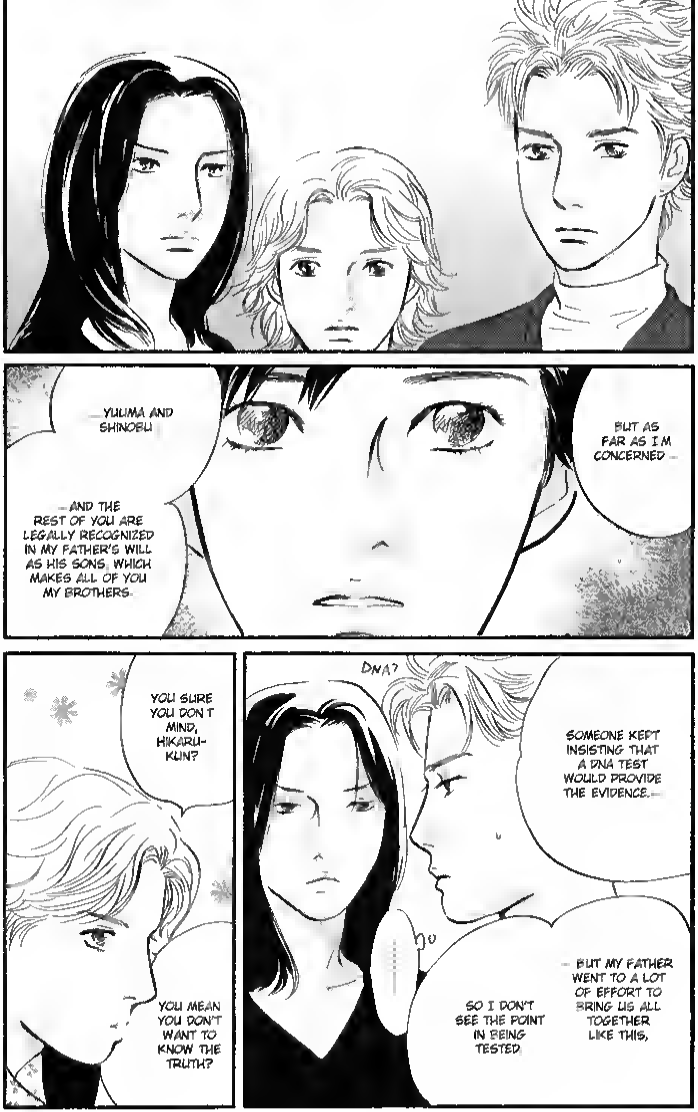
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A HOPELESS WHORE.

HEY!
AREN'T YOU
UCHI JUNICHI-
OH!
SORRY ABOUT THAT RASH COMMENT I MADE THE OTHER DAY.
WHAT COMMENT?
ASHINUMA NOZOMI?
THAT YOU LOOKED LIKE ASHINUMA NOZOMI, AND YOU MIGHT BE HIS SON
YES, IT DIDN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE

HAVE YOU HEARD OF ASHINUMA NOZOMI?
YEAH, I KNOW HIM
WHAT?
BECAUSE ASHINUMA NOZOMI IS OUR REAL FATHER, RIGHT?
THIS GUY PLUS SHION AND I...
...AREN'T THE SONS OF MIZUHO KAZUMITSU

WHY DOES IT MATTER WHETHER MY FATHER IS ASHIKUMA NOZOMI OR MIZUHO KAZUMITSU ANYWAY?
THE WHOLE WORLD CAN CHOOSE A FATHER FOR ME FOR ALL I CARE
YOU'VE GOT NO PROOF
BUT AS FOR HOW IT HAPPENED
I'VE GOT NO IDEA IT'S A COMPLETE MYSTERY
THEN GET LOST!

BY THE WAY...
...I SPOKE TO MY MOTHER.
SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF MY FATHER HAD MANY OTHER SONS...
...BUT SHE COULDN'T SAY FOR SURE IF THEY WERE ALL GENUINE BIOLOGICAL SONS


—YUJIMA AND SHINOBU
—AND THE REST OF YOU ARE LEGALLY RECOGNIZED IN MY FATHER'S WILL AS HIS SONS, WHICH MAKES ALL OF YOU MY BROTHERS.
BUT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED—
YOU SURE YOU DON'T MIND, HIKARU-KUN?
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH?
DNA?
SOMEONE KEPT INSISTING THAT A DNA TEST WOULD PROVIDE THE EVIDENCE.
—BUT MY FATHER WENT TO A LOT OF EFFORT TO BRING US ALL TOGETHER LIKE THIS,
SO I DON'T SEE THE POINT IN BEING TESTED.

AS FOR THE TRUTH...
WHO KNOWS WHAT'S TRUE ANYMORE?
NOW THAT MY FATHER'S DEAD, I'LL NEVER KNOW THE TRUTH
BUT I WANTED TO TALK TO THE MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY WHILE THEY WERE STILL ALIVE
AT THE BEGINNING...
I WAS SURPRISED WHEN HIS ATTORNEY CONTACTED ME OUT OF THE BLUE.
I COULDN'T EVEN TELL MY MOTHER ABOUT IT...
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...

ANYWAY,
IT'S ABOUT TIME.
—WE GO PUBLIC AND TELL THE WHOLE WORLD!
YOU MUST BE SICK AND TIRED OF HIDING FROM REPORTERS BY NOW, RIGHT?
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HANG ON!
LET'S HOLD A MEDIA CONFERENCE!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION.
NAKAMURA HIKARU SEEMS SERIOUS ABOUT GOING PUBLIC.
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WHY WERE YOU IN HOSPITAL AS A CHILD?
DO YOU MIND IF I ASK YOU [redacted] THING?
THE SEVENTH BROTHER, HUH?
IT'S A MESSAGE FROM SHION

HMPH!
I HONESTLY DON'T REMEMBER MUCH...
EXCEPT THAT I WAS ALWAYS IN HOSPITAL WITH THAT GUY AND SHION...
BY THE WAY, WAS IT YOU WHO SUGGESTED HAVING A DNA TEST?
YEAH. IT WAS MY IDEA...
AT LEAST FOR THE FIVE OF US WHO ARE THE SAME AGE...
I GUESS YOU'RE THINKING, "WHY BOTHER?"
WELL, I'M SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW THE TRUTH
THEN YOU MIGHT AS WELL GOING ALONG WITH HIS IDEA AND APPEAR BEFORE THE MEDIA...
ONCE THE REPORTERS GET THEIR HANDS ON US, THEY WON'T LEAVE US ALONE UNTIL WE'VE HAD ANAL PROBES TO CONFIRM OUR IDENTITY...

I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT SHINOBU
OH!
SURE WHAT?
YUUMA?
HAS HE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH YOU?
NO. NOT SINCE HE SUDDENLY SHOWED UP ON T.V.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT HE'LL DO. MAYBE HE'S NOT COMING BACK.
WHAT ABOUT THE ATTORNEY?
DOESN'T HE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?

COME HERE A SEC, HIKARU...
ANYWAY, ABOUT SHINOBU...

EH?
UH WELL...

I KNOW YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT SHINOBU...
BUT HAVEN'T YOU FORGOTTEN SOMEONE ELSE?

WHAT ABOUT SUETSUGU WATARI?

HE TURNED UP HERE THE OTHER DAY
REALLY?
WHAT DID HE SAY?
AT THE TIME HE EXPRESSED HIS REAL OPINION OF US
THAT HE'LL NEVER ACCEPT ANY OF US AS MIZUHO'S SONS EXCEPT FOR YOU, HIKARU

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT ALREADY AND...
BUT I NEVER MADE A SECRET OF IT
IT'S OBVIOUS TO ME...
...THAT YOU'RE SECRETLY ATTACHED TO THE IDEA OF HAVING US ALL AS BROTHERS
HE'S A DANGEROUS GUY...
...AND HE LOVES YOU VERY MUCH, HIKARU.
DID SUETSUGU-SAN REALLY SAY THAT ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?
HANG ON! DID HE REALLY...
I BET HE'LL BE THE MOST OPPOSED TO THE IDEA, BUT IT'S YOUR CALL.
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT US ALL APPEARING BEFORE THE MEDIA?
BUT YUUMA!

IF YOU CAN CONVINCE SUETSUGU WATARI TO APPEAR BEFORE THE MEDIA WITH THE OTHER GUYS THEN I'LL CONSIDER IT TOO.
FINE THEN GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT.
THEN I'LL BE THE ONE...
. TO CONVINCE HIM, YUUMA.

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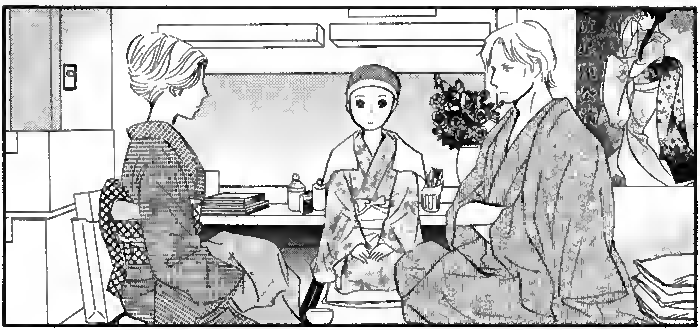

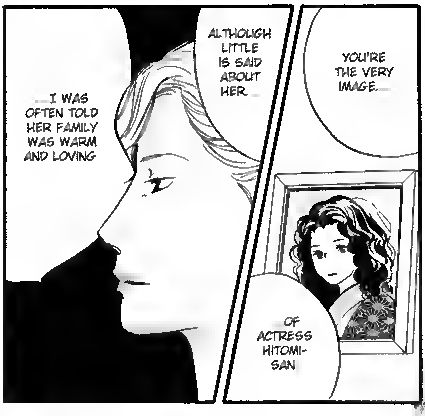
...I WAS OFTEN TOLD HER FAMILY WAS WARM AND LOVING
ALTHOUGH LITTLE IS SAID ABOUT HER...
YOU'RE THE VERY IMAGE...
OF ACTRESS HITOMI-SAN.

THE FIRST THING THAT OCCURRED TO ME WHEN I SAW THE NEWS ABOUT YOU BEING MIZUHO'S SON.
...WAS THAT YOU MUST'VE BEEN THE CHILD SHE BROUGHT INTO THE WORLD

SHINOBU
YOU'RE WRONG, FATHER
WELL, IF I HADN'T OUTED HIM TO THE MEDIA...
YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE KNOWN ABOUT HIM.
BUT SINCE I'M A MEMBER OF THE TROUPE AND PART OF THE FAMILY BUSINESS...
I'M SO HAPPY I GOT TO MEET HIKARU-CHAN...
—I HAD TO COME BACK SO I COULD GO ON STAGE AS THE STAR OF OUR SHOW
SO I THINK EVERYONE WOULD RATHER HAVE THE TRUTH OUT IN THE OPEN

NII-CHAN affectionate title for big brother

HONESTLY, I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM
HE'S GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT PHASE RIGHT NOW YET YOU'RE PUTTING HIM UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE
AFTER ALL, HE'S MY NII-CHAN!
I'LL GO BACK TO HIKARU'S PLACE SOON!
MIND YOU...
...THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T START YELLING AT HIM WHEN HE DID COME BACK
...PLUS I'M CERTAIN THAT THE OTHER TROUPE MEMBERS WERE VERY ANXIOUS ABOUT THE PRODUCTION'S FUTURE
IN SHOW BUSINESS, YOU CAN'T DROP EVERYTHING AND WALK OUT AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE WHENEVER YOU FEEL LIKE IT

...FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT MY OWN SON.
I ALSO...
HOWEVER.
...SHINOBU IS THE ULTIMATE TRUMP CARD IN MY THEATER COMPANY, AND HE CAME BACK TO SHOW HIS SUPPORT.
I'M CERTAIN OF IT.
THEY SAY IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CHILD TO SUPPORT YOU...
...WHAT WILL YOU HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?

MIZUHO TRULY DID EVERYTHING TO EXCESS DIDN'T HE?
HE WAS A PLAYBOY. IT'S BAD TO BE BORN WITH SUCH A FICKLE NATURE
WHY MUST WE DREDGE UP THE PAST AGAIN?
YOU STILL BLAME YOURSELF FOR BEING TAKEN IN BY HIM, DON'T YOU?
HOW TRUE INDEED.
I'M SICK AND TIRED OF HEARING HIS NAME

IF YOU PREFER TO SPREAD YOUR AFFECTIONS FAR AND WIDE
THEN GO RIGHT AHEAD AND FLY AWAY
MIZUHO..
Nevertheless, I still couldn't bring myself to forgive him. He could easily give that wistful look to someone other than me. In that case, I might as well
The look on Mizuho's face at the time is something I'll never forget for as long as I live.
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let him go
In that instant, Hikaru was deprived of a father
From that day on, I lost all interest in playing the piano
So as a mother, I constantly pressure Hikaru to play for me
while as a woman, I
ASHINUMA NOZOMI!
TELL ME ALL ABOUT

Ashinuma
Nozomi...
PARIS

IS THAT YOU, TAKAKO?
YOU DID INVITE ME TO COME OVER, SO HERE I AM.
COME RIGHT IN
DO YOU LIVE HERE ON YOUR OWN?
I DO LIVE ON MY OWN
BUT I'M NOT ALONE AT THE MOMENT
I'M GLAD YOU MADE THE TRIP.

TIME TO WAKE UP, KAZU
?
WE HAVE A VISITOR
SWISH

I MUST'VE SLEPT IN...
IS IT THAT LATE ALREADY?

Is he the actor Mizuho Kazumitsu?!
WOW, A PRETTY LADY!
I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO PIANIST ONE TAKAKO-SAN
UH
OOPS! EXCUSE ME
KAZU!
I'M MIZUHO KAZUMITSU
PLEASED TO MEET YOU

BRRR
BRRR

HELLO?
HIKARU!
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU
WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
LOVER LEAF